

Midway Ice Rink Opens Saturday

Ice Rink Becomes New Home for Wasatch High School Hockey Team

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Midway's natural ice rink is in the process of being built near the four big pine trees that protected the ice from the winter sun last year. If the weather continues to co-operate and the volunteers keep showing up in force, the rink should be ready

packed down snow. Last year a plastic sheet was placed between the snow pack and the ice layer. This year the plastic was left out.

"Right now there are about three inches of ice," Councilman Harold Remund told the *Wave* Monday morning. "It's pretty rough on top of the snow instead of the plastic. Today we'll get the Zamboni out and see if we can shave the ice and smooth it out."

Besides the Zamboni, there

are plans to use the new dasher boards and ice skates purchased last month from Louisiana. Two new skate sharpeners were also bought and one was sold and the money put back into the ice rink funds. The other sharpener

will be put in the little ice shack used for skate rentals.

The building, dasher boards, bleachers and equipment will be moved into place and installed hopefully as part of an Eagle Scout project by Ashton McFarland.

Darrin Caldwell said he plans to arrange and sharpen the ice skates and have them ready by Saturday as his Eagle Scout project.

Ted Caldwell is heading up the volunteer efforts to have the ice rink ready by Saturday.

"One way or another we'll be skating by Saturday," Caldwell stated. "We may not have all the dasher boards up but we think the ice will be ready to skate on."

Caldwell is involved with the Wasatch High School hockey team. Bill Dammer is the coach, Wayne and Russell Adams, brothers, are the assistant coaches. Wayne Adams is also the trustee of the team, it is

his job to be the connection between the team and the High School Hockey Association.

The team hopes in future seasons the Midway Ice Sheet will be their home ice. This year's season is already over because the season was moved up. The season ran from August to November because of the Winter Olympics. Wasatch High School's games were played on the Seven Peaks Ice Sheet in Provo this year.

Next year's season will return to normal running from November through March. It is hoped the new refrigeration equipment will be installed by then.

"With the refrigeration equipment the ice sheet could be open in the summer," Caldwell explained. "When the refrigeration is installed the plan is to open the ice rink from October to March."



by Saturday, Dec 15.

This coming Saturday's date beats last year's opening by more than two weeks. The ice sheet opened last season on Jan. 1.

To make the rink, a natural ice layer is formed on top of

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Just Stuff

by Jan

I must say I'm feeling a bit smug. Like a snug bug in a rug. Here it is, two weeks before Christmas and I'm actually well on my way to being ready for the season. Go ahead! Laugh if you like. You may be one of those well-organized, watch-the-sales, get-started-with-the-Christmas-shopping-in-July folks and you finished your Christmas

shopping before you carved your Thanksgiving turkey or, heaven forbid, even before you carved your Halloween pumpkin* but I'm not one of those folks.

I'm afraid I'm at the other end of the spectrum. I manage to get the tree up and tinsel and trimming around the house by mid-December.

But, I usually find myself a few days before Christmas, frenzied and frantic, trying to get my shopping started! I wait until the eleventh hour. I've been known to purchase gifts as late as after dark on Christmas Eve! But not this year! No sir-ree! I've got a jump on the season.

OK, I don't have all my shopping done, but,

for once I've at least started and have made a good-sized dent in the list (as well as the checking account). OK, my tree may not be trimmed, but at least the lights have been strung. OK, I haven't wrapped any of the gifts, but I have the ribbons and wrappings. OK, so my cards haven't been sent, they haven't even been addressed, yet.

Actually, come to think of it, they haven't even been purchased yet. Hmmm. Best get those added to my list! But, despite the decorations, un-wrapped boxes and bags, and the little slip up on the cards, I am closer to being ready for Christmas this year, at this early date, than I have been in a long time.

Not since my mom was organizing my Christmas responsibilities, have I been this close to being ready.

There's frost in the air, snow on the ground, presents almost ready to go under the almost ready tree. What more could I ask for! Bring on the season!

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